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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7374

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: USEGJC EINV EMIN EIND

SUBJECT: ABU TARTUR PHOSPHATES

REF: STATE 223411

1. AS EXPECTED, REPRESENTATIVES OF PARSONS AND CHASE SOUGHT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS STATUS AND PROSPECTS ABU TARTUR PROJECT DURING COURSE OF US-EGYPTIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETINGS IN CAIRO LAST WEEK. ON BASIS THEIR BRIEF REPORTS TO EMBASSY, SESSION WITH MININD SHAHEEN WAS SUFFICIENTLY UNREWARDING TO DISCOURAGE PURSUIT OF SUBJECT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, AND AT THAT LEVEL.

2. AMBASSADOR CALLED THIS DEVELOPMENT TO ATTENTION OF EFFAT ON EVENING OF 15TH, AND LATTER AGREED TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH PM SALEM FOLLOWING DAY. AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST, EFFAT ALSO AGREED TO ATTEMPT ARRANGE MEETING FOR LEWIS OF PARSONS IF POSSIBLE AND WE SECURED AGREEMENT OF HIGGERSON OF CHASE TO ACCOMPANY LEWIS IF MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, LEWIS HAD EVIDENTLY LEFT CAIRO BY THAT TIME, SO SUBJECT WAS NEVER RAISED WITH PM BY US SIDE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT EFFAT DID.

4. COMMENT: VACILLATION OF GOE ON THIS POTENTIALLY  
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IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SOURCE

OF CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND DISCOURAGEMENT FOR US  
BUSINESSMEN AS WELL AS OTHERS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DECISION  
HAS BEEN MADE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND HAS NOT YET FILTERED  
DOWN. IN ANY EVENT, THERE HAS BEEN ENOUGH INTEREST IN ABU  
TARTUR TO WARRANT CALLING IT AGAIN TO ATTENTION OF PRESENT PM  
AND PERHAPS EVEN PRES SADAT AT PROPER TIME.  
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